

# State Fair Jr. Horse Show - Permission to Participate

The Illinois Equine Liability Act requires sponsors to provide the following warning to participants:

## ***Warning***

***Under the Equine Activity Liability Act, each participant who engages in an equine activity expressly assumes the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property resulting from the risk of equine activities.***

As parent or guardian of, \_\_\_\_\_, I am aware that activities  
( Name of Participant )

involving horses, ponies and other equines are associated with the following risks including but not limited to:

1. *the propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them,*
2. *the predictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, other animals, or other things,*
3. *certain hazards of surface or subsurface conditions,*
4. *collisions with other equines or objects,*
5. *the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to self or others.*

In addition, this event has the risks of classes involving jumping over obstacles and fences; racing against time obstacles; multiple horses in classes and in/around the barns housing the horses.

I understand that the State Fair and the State 4-H Office have taken the following steps to make the State Fair Jr. Horse Show safe for participants, the public and their property: rented and examined obstacles that are safe; encouraged parents to provide adequate supervision of exhibitors; printed recommendations and rules in the Jr. Premium book and posted additional information at the fairgrounds; provided volunteer staff who are familiar and comfortable around equine; and provided special insurance for hunting and racing classes through the University of Illinois Office of Risk Management.

I understand and agree to follow these rules.

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Participant Signature

I understand the risks associated with this event and I give \_\_\_\_\_  
( Name of Participant )  
permission to participate during the 2016 Show, scheduled from July 24-July 31.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***NOTE: Save this form and take with you and present to the check in staff at the Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show on July 24-July 31.***